## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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d TRAD		January 25, 2001	) ) )	Examiner: TBA Atty. Docket No.: 03493.00025
	For:	REAL-TIME ADDRESS FOR DIRECT MAIL USING ONLINE DIRECTORIES	)	RECEIVED
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ${}^{\circ}\zeta P$ 1 o				
Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231				Technology Center 2100

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows (the marked up version appears in the attached appendix):

On page 3, replace the entire paragraph beginning at line 8 with the following:

-- Thus, there remains a need in the art to address the problems of providing a secure online address directory whereby address owners may be assured of the accuracy of the information they store and its security and which is available to authorized parties such as merchants or shippers on a read-only basis.--